

Anti-Slavery Office,

New York, 18 April, 1862.

My Dear Garrison,

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Have you not been  
happy the last few days over  
the great event of the aboli-  
tion of Slavery in the District  
of Columbia? Will not even  
the croakers now be willing to  
confess that our cause has  
made progress - that the  
present, however dark, is brighter  
than the past - and that we  
have good ground for hope  
as to the future? Will not



our friend Pillsbury be able  
to discern a ray of light stealing  
over the dark picture that  
seems to be always hanging  
before his mind's eye? The  
work, <sup>yet</sup> to be done is mighty and  
will task our energies to the  
utmost; but ought we not  
to catch a new inspiration  
from the thought that the  
Capital is free, <sup>at length</sup> from the crime  
against which we have been  
so long contending? I hope our  
Anniversary will take from  
this event a tone of cheer-



fulness and deep assurance  
of victory nigh at hand; for  
I am sure that in this  
temper our labors will be  
far more effectual than  
in any other.

A letter from Conway  
informs me that it will not  
be possible for him this year  
to attend our Longwood  
Yearly Meeting. I thought it  
probable that it would be  
so, but the Committee  
having invited him in 1860  
to be with us last year,  
courtesy required us to ask



him now. Our meeting, you will observe, opens, not on a Sunday as heretofore, but on Thursday of the week following your Boston Anniversary. The Liberator, as well as the Standard, will then be filled with proceedings and speeches, and it will be a capital time for you to run off. Come, then, to our meeting. We will pay all your expenses, and you can have a good time among your Pennsylvania friends, who will welcome you very warmly. Our meet-



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ing will probably be less ex-  
citing than usual, and you  
will not be much taxed in  
the way of speaking. The  
season (June 5th and onward)  
will be most delightful in  
that climate. It is probable  
that our friend Tilton will  
also go.

I have had a waking  
dream of spending two months  
of the coming summer in  
some country nook. It is a  
great while since I had any  
relief from the wearing toils  
and perplexities of editorial



life, and I greatly need some relaxation. I do not, however, see any way of accomplishing ~~my~~ wish, and I shall probably be confined here all the season as usual; but if I should succeed in getting away, I have some plans and hopes that ~~can~~ connect themselves with you, and of which I will tell you when we meet. Meanwhile, I wish you would give me and our Pa. friends assurance that we may



expect you at our June  
meeting.

Please publish the enclosed  
call, and oblige

Yours, faithfully,

J. Munson.



